



Serve the Public and Your Career As an Assistant Attorney General

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan encourages third-year law students and practicing lawyers to apply for a position as an Assistant Attorney General. The Illinois Attorney General's Office offers excellent opportunities for lawyers at all levels to engage in challenging and interesting work, improve their legal skills, and advance their careers, while at the same time working in the service of the people of Illinois. This fact sheet answers the fundamental questions: What does the Illinois Attorney General do? As an Assistant Attorney General, what will I do? How can I apply to serve as an Assistant Attorney General?

What does the Illinois Attorney General do?

The Illinois Attorney General is the state's chief legal officer, responsible for protecting the public interest of the state and all of its people. The job of the Attorney General is to advocate on behalf of the people of Illinois, to litigate in order to ensure that the laws of the state are followed and respected, and to legislate changes to the law that promote the public interest. Among her many responsibilities, the Illinois Attorney General:

- Protects Illinois consumers from fraud;
- Advocates for women, working to end domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Works with state and local law enforcement authorities to keep communities safe from dangers ranging from sex offenders to methamphetamine abusers;
- Protects the interests of Illinois' older citizens in the areas of consumer fraud, abuse and neglect, health care, and veterans rights;
- Works with other agencies and organizations to keep children safe and healthy;
- Defends the fundamental rights of all the people of Illinois through bureaus dedicated to civil rights, labor and employment rights, disability rights, and veterans rights;
- Protects and preserves the environment of the state by prosecuting those who violate state environmental protection laws;
- Provides critical services to victims of violent crime;
- Helps ensure free and open government through laws such as the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act; and
- Builds better charities through her Charitable Trusts Bureau.

As an Assistant Attorney General, What Will I do?

As an Assistant Attorney General, you will have considerable responsibility over the cases you handle. Although your specific responsibilities will vary depending on your division and bureau as well as your level of experience and expertise, you may interview witnesses, research and draft pleadings, appear in court for hearings and oral arguments, and prepare and try cases in state or federal court.

What are the Minimum Qualifications for an Assistant Attorney General?

To serve as an Assistant Attorney General, you must be a law school graduate and you must have passed the Illinois bar examination by the time your service as an Assistant Attorney General begins.

How can I get more information about the Illinois Attorney General's Office?

For more information, you may wish to visit the official website of the office at <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/about/jobs/index.html>

How Do I Apply to Work as an Assistant Attorney General?

Please send cover letter, resume, and references to:

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